

In the claims: The claims are as follows.

1. (Currently amended) A method for use by a business relationship manager module of a wireless terminal subscribed to an operator network ~~enabling billing a user for use of an application (11) hosted by a wireless terminal (10) subscribed to an operator network (18),~~ characterized by comprising:

receiving from an application hosted by the wireless terminal a request to determine whether the application is registered with the operator network;

~~a step (25b-25c) in which, in response to an indication by the user that the application (11) is to be executed, a business relationship manager (BRM) (12) also hosted by the wireless terminal (10) refers~~ referring to one or more data stores (12a-13a) hosting information on user registration of applications to determine whether the application is ~~user has registered the application (11) with the operator network; and~~

~~a step (27) in which, if the BRM (12) determines that the user has registered the application (11), the BRM (12) then signals~~ signaling to the application (11) that the user has registered the application (11) is registered if by referring to the one or more data stores the business relationship manager finds that the application is registered, but otherwise displaying options for paying for use of the application, and then in response to an election by a user, registering the application by signaling to the operator network an indication of an elected option for paying for use of the application along with an identifier of the application and a user identifier stored in a subscriber identity module.

2. (Currently amended) A method ~~as in~~ The method of claim 1,

further characterized by comprising ~~:- a step (26) in which, before a first use of the application (11), the user registers registering the application (11) with a user information server (13) via the BRM (12).~~

3. (Currently amended) ~~A method as in~~ The method of claim 2, wherein the registering is via signalling between the BRM business relationship manager module and the user information server and is according to SIP (session initiation protocol) signaling or is signaling using an XML (extensible markup language) over ~~over HTTP (hypertext transfer protocol) or over HTTPS (secure HTTP) or secure hypertext transfer protocol.~~

4. ~~Canceled. A method as in 2, further characterized by: a step (25f) in which, before registering for use of the application (11), the user elects in a dialogue with the BRM (12) a lease/buy plan by which the user is billed for use of the application (11).~~

5. (Currently amended) ~~A method as in~~ The method of claim 1, wherein ~~to determine whether the user has registered the application (11), the BRM (12) refers to a data store (12a) the referring to one or more data stores is a referring to one more data stores~~ hosted by the wireless terminal (10).

6. (Currently amended) ~~A method as in~~ The method of claim 1, wherein ~~to determine whether the user has registered the application (11), the BRM (12) refers to a data store (13a) the referring to one or more data stores is a referring to one or more data stores~~ -maintained by a user information server (13) of the operator network (18).

7. (Currently amended) ~~A method as in~~ The method of claim 1, further characterized by comprising:

~~a step (33) in which, in response to a prompt by the user receiving an indication to de-register the application (11);~~

~~the BRM (12) signals signaling a de-register message to a user information server of the operator network (13) that so as to indicate that the application is to be de-registered for the user; and~~

~~a step (34) in which the user information server (13) acknowledges the de-register message and de-registers the application (11) for the user.~~

8. (Currently amended) ~~A method as in~~The method of claim 1, wherein the application (11) is assigned an identifier common to all copies of the application (11) and used as an identifier for the application (11) in the one or more data stores holding information (12a-13a) indicating whether the user has registered the application (11) is registered.

9. Canceled.

10. (Currently amended) ~~A method as in~~The method of claim 1-9, wherein the ~~various plans~~options include a plan in which the user is billed monthly for use of the application.

11. (Currently amended) ~~A method as in~~The method of claim 1, wherein the application consumes network resources, and the method ~~is further characterized by~~further comprises:

~~a step (53) in which with each request for a network service, the BRM (12) appends appending to each get the request by the application an a user identifier indicating the user stored in a subscriber identification module included in the wireless terminal and an identifier indicating the application,~~

and communicating the get request along with the user and application identifiers to the operator network (11); and
~~— a step (57) in which a support node (15) of the operator network (18) counts packets bearing the identifier indicating the user and the identifier indicating the application.~~

12. Canceled.

13. Canceled.

14. (Currently amended) ~~A wireless terminal (10) including a business relationship manager (BRM) (12) component for enabling billing a user for use of an application (11) hosted by the wireless terminal (10) subscribed to an operator network (18); the wireless terminal (10) characterized in that the BRM (12) comprises, comprising:~~

~~means (25b-25c), responsive to~~ receiving an indication by the user that the an application (11) is to be executed;

~~means , for referring to at least either a local data store (12a) or a data store one or more data stores (13a) hosted by the operator network (18) to determine whether the user has application is registered the application (11) with an operator network;~~ and

~~means (27) for~~ signaling to the application that the application is registered if by referring to the one or more data stores the business relationship manager finds that the application is registered, but otherwise displaying options for paying for use of the application, and then in response to an election by a user, registering the application by signaling to the operator network an indication of an elected option for paying for use of the application along with an identifier of the application and a user identifier stored in a subscriber identity

~~module signaling to the application (11) that the user has registered the application (11) in case the BRM (12) determines that the user has registered the application (11).~~

15. (Currently amended) A wireless terminal ~~(10) for use by a user, characterized by comprising:~~

~~an application (11), responsive to a signal to begin execution, for providing a signal to confirm registration of the application with an operator network in response to a signal to begin execution, and further responsive to a signal indicating registration is in place;~~

~~a business relationship manager (BRM) (12) having a BRM application programming interface (API), responsive to the signal to confirm registration, for referring to at least one data store one or more data stores (12a-13a) to determine whether the user has application is registered the application (11) with the operator network; and, if the BRM (12) determines that the user has registered the application (11), for signaling to the application that the application is registered if by referring to the one or more data stores the business relationship manager finds that the application is registered, but otherwise displaying options for paying for use of the application, and then in response to an election by a user, registering the application by signaling to the operator network an indication of an elected option for paying for use of the application along with an identifier of the application and a user identifier stored in a subscriber identity module signalling to the application (11) that registration is in place.~~

16. (Currently amended) A system enabling billing a user of a wireless terminal ~~(10) for use of an application (11) hosted by the terminal (10), comprising the wireless terminal (10) and an~~

operator network (18) to which the user of the wireless terminal (10) is subscribed, the operator network (18) including a user information server (13), ~~characterized in that~~ wherein:

a BRM (12) business relationship manager included in the wireless terminal (10) ~~is responsive~~ configured to respond to a signal from the application (11) ~~to confirm registration and signals by signaling~~ a request to the operator network (18) to determine whether the user application is registered to use the application (11), and for signalling to the application an indication of whether the application is registered, and for displaying options for paying for use of the application and for registering the application by signaling to the operator network an indication of an elected option for paying for use of the application along with an identifier of the application and a user identifier stored in a subscriber identity module; and

the user information server of the operator network (13), in response ~~is configured to respond~~ to the request to determine whether the user application is registered to use the application (11), refers by referring to a data store (13a) hosted by the operator network (18) ~~to determine whether the user is registered to use the application (11).~~

17. (Currently amended) ~~A system as in~~ The system of claim 16, further comprising a gateway GPRS (general packet radio service) support node (GGSN) (15), and further wherein the system is further characterized in that: in case of an application using network resources, for business relationship manager is configured to append to each get request for a network service by the application, the BRM (12) appends to the request a user identifier and an application identifier, and the general packet radio service support node GGSN, by monitoring packets received from users, counts is configured to count packets bearing the

user identifier and application identifier by monitoring received packets.

18. (Currently amended) A computer program product comprising: a computer readable storage structure embodying computer program code thereon for execution by a computer processor in a wireless terminal ~~(10)~~, said computer program ~~product for enabling billing~~ ~~a user for use of an application (11) hosted by the wireless terminal (10) subscribed to an operator network (18), said~~ ~~computer program code characterized in that it includes~~ code providing instructions for performing the steps of the method of claim 1.

19. (New) A method for use by an operator network providing wireless communication, comprising:

providing to a wireless terminal at least one option for paying for use of an application hosted by the wireless terminal; and

receiving an indication of an option for paying for use of the application along with an identifier of the application and a user identifier stored in a subscriber identity module included in the wireless terminal.

20. (New) The method of claim 19, further comprising:

receiving from the wireless terminal a get request issued by the application along with the user identifier and the identifier indicating the application; and

counting the packets bearing the identifier indicating the user and the identifier indicating the application.

21. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the support node is a gateway general packet radio service support node.

22. (New) An operator network providing wireless communication, comprising:

a software business server, for providing to a wireless terminal at least one option for paying for use of an application hosted by the wireless terminal; and

a user information server, for receiving an indication of an option for paying for use of the application along with an identifier of the application and a user identifier stored in a subscriber identity module included in the wireless terminal.

23. (New) The operator network of claim 22, further comprising:

a gateway support node, for receiving from the wireless terminal a get request issued by the application along with the user identifier and the identifier indicating the application, and for counting the packets bearing the identifier indicating the user and the identifier indicating the application.

24. (New) The operator network of claim 22, wherein the support node is a gateway general packet radio service support node.